

CITIZENS DECLARE FOR CHEAPER GAS

Chamber of Commerce Hears Protests at Meeting.

GALLINGER BILL DENOUNCED

As Mouthpiece of Washington Business Interests, the Commercial Body Meets Representatives from Various Civic Associations and Takes First Steps for Concurrent Organization to Obtain Legislation.

As the mouthpiece of the city's business interests, the Chamber of Commerce met last evening and took the first steps for a concurrent organization to obtain gas legislation from Congress. There was no denunciation of the Washington Gaslight Company. It was made evident that the fight for cheaper gas and against excessive capitalization will be conducted along the sanest and clearest of lines.

While the citizens' associations are rapidly forming a central body, the subcommittee on public utilities of the Chamber of Commerce is formulating a gas program which will probably meet with the united support of Washington. It is not likely that the citizens' associations will attempt to act independently after finding the chamber so eager to ascertain the sentiment of Washington on the subject, and so determined to crystallize it before the next session of Congress.

Gallinger Bill Not Indorsed.

The Gallinger bill will not be indorsed. It was stated last night this measure was undoubtedly be reintroduced when Congress convenes next December. All comment upon the bill was withheld by representatives as adverse, and only speaker voicing the opinion of the Northeast Washington Association, pronounced it "absurd" and "ridiculous."

Walter C. Balderston, chairman of the subcommittee, presided at the hearing. The subcommittee was only partially represented, and only a few of the citizens' associations sent their representatives with definite instructions. Most of the speakers frankly declared themselves open to conviction. There was, however, a unanimous opinion that the present gas rates in the District of Columbia are extortionate, and that any attempt to increase the Washington Gaslight Company's capitalization beyond the legitimate limit of physical valuation must be carefully guarded against.

As delegate of the Northeast Washington Association, Evan Tucker made an effective statement of the case against the gas company. He said that the point that the declaration of dividends by the corporation furnishes no true measure of its earning capacity, because this has been carefully concealed by bonuses of stock and various ways of distributing the surplus.

"We know the gas company has outstanding certificates of indebtedness to the extent of \$300,000," he said, "and we know it has distributed these certificates among its stockholders so as to provide a channel for its surplus earnings and to prevent these earnings from appearing in the form of dividends."

"Our association has indorsed the Madden bill providing for 75-cent gas. We believe this is a fair figure, and we have repeatedly gone on record as saying so. There is one point making for a large reduction in the price which has been quite generally overlooked. When the law of 1896, establishing the present rate, was passed it provided for twenty-five-cent gas. The company has since been allowed to reduce this to twenty-two cents. This has not entered into the popular calculation as to the degree of price reduction, nor has the company taken it into account in fixing its rates."

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Perceval M. Brown, representing the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, declared that Washington shows more apathy on the question of regulating its public utilities than any other city in the country. The small stockholders of public service corporations, he said, are ordinarily desirous of only a just and reasonable return for their money, and can be counted upon to work for the civic interest.

If the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens' associations co-operate in the gas fight the problem will be speedily settled. One reason why Congress has been so tardy in granting the needed legislation was because the corporationists were more solicitous of their interests than the people were in protecting theirs.

Tells of Takoma's Troubles. J. A. Le Clerc, of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association, related the troubles of that suburb regarding gas pressure.

Barney Harris, of the East Washington Association; D. A. Teller, of Park View; S. W. Williams, of Takoma Park; R. J. Love, and others spoke informally of the prevailing sentiment regarding gas legislation.

Edgar D. Shaw declared the most dangerous provision in the Gallinger bill was that allowing the gas company to purchase coal lands. The opportunity for speculation opened up, he said, was almost infinite. He aroused some discussion by projecting into the meeting the definition of legitimate capitalization given by a Michigan authority, that it should be allowed to be increased so as to keep the stock at par, but to go no further.

He believed the capitalization should cover all the physical property of the gas company, but should not include good will or franchise or other intangible assets. Further hearings will probably be held, and the report of the subcommittee laid before the Chamber of Commerce in a short time.

RAID ON A CLUBHOUSE.

Officers Claim to Have Had Trouble with John Schmidt.

The Rock Spring Club, just over the District line, near Glen Echo, was raided last night, and after an exciting struggle with the officers its proprietor, John L. Schmidt, was lodged in the Rockville jail, charged with running a gambling house and selling liquor.

Several jugs and bottles of whiskey alleged to have been found by the officers will be used as evidence when the case comes to trial.

About 9:30 o'clock Constables Peyton Whalen and Leroy Lochte, and Policeman Tremis, of the Seventh precinct, visited the club and tried to gain entrance. As no one responded, they broke in the outer door with an ax. John L. Schmidt, who was in the house alone with his daughter, Gretchen, thirteen years old, came down stairs and demanded to know what the officers wanted. When they informed him that they came to search the place for evidence in connection with a case of alleged gambling, he refused to open the door and demanded their warrant, and when this was not shown, it is said, he attempted to stop their progress.

After some words with the officers, it is alleged, he grasped the ax and attempted to strike Whalen, who avoided the blow and knocked Schmidt down with a black-belt. Schmidt then searched the house and claim to have found bottles and jugs of whiskey which they seized. They arrested Schmidt. His daughter is said to have been left in the house alone. Schmidt was indignant at his arrest, and declared that he would prosecute the officers. He claims they did not have a search warrant. Up to a late hour last night he had not obtained bail.

WASHINGTON BANKERS WIN.

Baltimore Chapter Defeated in Third Annual Debate for Trophy.

The Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Banking defeated the Baltimore Chapter in the third annual intercity debate in George Washington University Hall last night, thereby winning permanently the silver loving cup which had been held by the Baltimoreans.

The question was: "Resolved, That express companies should be prohibited from issuing exchange in the form of money orders, letters of credit, and travelers' checks and drafts."

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PUTS KEROSENE IN FIRE; DEAD BATTLE IMMIMENT IN TURKISH CITY

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Constantinople without less of time, and that re-enforcements from every part of the empire were flocking to the standard of revolt.

Sultan Expects Strife. Nothing has been heard from them since they started, although it is generally conceded that their mission must fail flat, as the soldiers are largely sympathizers with the reformers in the empire.

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It has been a generally accepted theory that gas can be furnished in Washington 5 cents cheaper than in Georgetown, because of the difference in the size of plant and the supply. The two companies have asserted this vigorously for many years. Now we find the Georgetown Gaslight Company voluntarily reducing the price of gas from \$1.25 to \$1.00 on the same basis, why cannot the Washington Gaslight Company reduce the price from \$1.25 to \$1.00?

The Gallinger bill is a ridiculous proposition. In the first place, it provides for a radical reduction in the price of gas. In the second, it requires a more expensive gas-coal gas—the contrary, which probably will not be indorsed by the sober second thought of the people of Washington. In the third, it allows the gas company to triple its capitalization. There would be no legal way to retire that stock if it were once issued, and the company could easily demonstrate that it could not pay a reasonable dividend on its increased capitalization unless the price of gas were increased.

The gas company has offered no evidence to show that of its present capitalization more than \$50,000 has been paid in. The rest has been contributed from surplus earnings, and the whole plant has been built up on the huge profits. It is true that the bonds do represent cash that was paid in. I am convinced that

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ART IN PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN AT CORCORAN

Exhibit of Interesting and Varied Pictures Opened.

THREE MONTHS ON ONE VIEW

This Period Was Spent by Charles A. Baker to Get Satisfactory Negative of a Rose for Exhibition of the Camera Club—Many Specimens by Frank M. Boteler.

Photographers, amateur as well as professional, will find much of interest at the eighteenth annual exhibition of the Capital Camera Club, which opened last evening at the hemicycle hall of the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

This club, which stands as one of the two oldest art organizations in the District, and as one of the foremost photographic societies in this country, is justly proud of the excellent showing made by its members in the 160 pictures selected out of 33 by its jury, composed of B. C. Messer, James Henry Moser, and Mathilde Mueden. No distinction was made between the work of amateurs and professionals, as all were obliged to meet the same requirements.

One of the most versatile of the exhibitors is Frank M. Boteler, who contributed, in addition to several outdoor scenes, a view of a library, which is the only indoor scene exhibited. Mr. Boteler also received congratulations for his likeness of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell and Miss Francesa Kaspar, who is well known in musical circles in Washington.

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As an illustration of the care exercised in procuring many of the subjects, it is related of Charles A. Baker, whose photograph of "A Rose" is one of the most conspicuous of the pictures on view, that he worked for three months to secure a satisfactory negative, and when at last he had the misfortune to break this negative, and the result of his many weeks of toil was lost. Mr. Baker, not the least dismayed by his bad luck, set in again and secured a negative which has produced a remarkably artistic picture.

E. L. Crandall, who has graced the wall with ten or more striking views, is one of those who has employed a new photographic linen finish bromide paper which is unique in this line of art. This paper, which gives the effect of linen mesh, is attractive and is in strong contrast to the papers generally employed.

Five country scenes are presented by Francis W. Walter, twelve years old, who is a grandson of P. H. Christie, a former president of the club, and who has a small group of pictures on exhibition.

Submits Photos of Children.

Dr. Andrew Stewart, chairman of the exhibition committee, shows a preference for babies, for of the six pictures shown by Dr. Stewart, five are of infants in various poses. One of these was considered by the committee to be of sufficient importance to grace the catalogue which has been published as an aid to the sightseer.

An artistic picture, "Through the Sugar Maples," is exhibited by W. S. Rosseter, chief clerk of the Census Office. Charles E. Feilman, who has been a member of the club for eighteen years, and who was the second president, contributes four portraits. As the visitor enters the room the first sight that greets his eye is three flash-light photographs of deer in their native haunts. These are entitled, "The Midnight Drink," "Idle Curiosity," and "The Lady of the Lake," and were made by Norman McCollin.

Several out-of-town camera clubs are represented by contributions. Among local exhibitors are William S. Adams, Wallace C. Babcock, Herbert S. Barber, Dr. J. R. Barber, William F. Bucher, C. O. Buckingham, Mrs. T. W. Cochran, L. M. Coeter, Francis C. C. Cook, Charles S. Eby, Miss J. M. Griswold, John Helms, H. H. Hulbert, N. J. Jewett, Louis Lowe, R. W. Magee, William M. Netherland, W. F. Peabody, C. A. Phillips, H. Popenoe, J. G. Pratt, A. A. Russell, George Steiger, E. B. Thompson, H. A. Towers, W. H. Towse, Williams T. Wade, and Frank E. Zabel.

The exhibition committee is composed of the following: Dr. Andrew Stewart, chairman; William F. Peabody, Frank M. Boteler, William S. Adams, Francis C. Crow, and Ralph W. Magee, ex officio. The exhibit will continue until May 1, during which time the hall will be open weekdays from 9 to 4 and from 8 to 5:30 and on Sundays from 1:30 to 4.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, April 15.—Arrived: Camiana, Liverpool, 10 p.m.; Kaiser August Victoria, Hamburg, 11 p.m.; Celtic, at Queensboro from New York, 11 p.m.; Celtic, at Queensboro from New York, 11 p.m.; Celtic, at Queensboro from New York, 11 p.m.

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TAFT AND ALDRICH CONFER.

They Discuss Future Legislation for an Hour.

The President and Senator Aldrich talked for more than a half hour yesterday afternoon about future legislation in Congress.

It is the plan of Mr. Taft to keep in close touch with all of the departments of the government from time to time. Until the beginning of the regular session of Congress he will hold conferences relative to the bills to be introduced and other work under consideration.

Senator Aldrich said he discussed the tariff question generally with the President, but that they did not go into this subject to any extent.

MARRIED.

TEWKSBURY-ENGLE-On September 16, 1908, at Towson, Md., by the Rev. W. H. H. Powers, pastor of Trinity Church, Miss MARY ELIZABETH ENGLE and Mr. MELVILLE BRAINARD TEWKSBURY.

DIED.

ALVEY-Suddenly, on Saturday, April 17, 1909, at 2:45 a. m., ELIZABETH ALVEY, at her residence, 902 G Street northwest.

BEAN-On Thursday, April 15, 1909, at 11 a. m., ELIZABETH R. BEAN, widow of Colman W. Bean, died at her residence, 210 East Capitol street, Monday, April 13, at 3 p. m.; interment at Rock Creek Cemetery.

CULLEY-On Friday, April 16, 1909, at his home, Takoma Park, D. C., THEODORE P. CULLEY, aged fifty-three years. Funeral from his late residence Monday, April 19, at 2 p. m. Interment at Rock Creek Cemetery.

DONOHUE-On Friday, April 16, 1909, at the residence of his son-in-law, S. Wheaton, Md., WILLIAM HENRY DONOHUE, in his eighty-first year. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services at 3 p. m. Sunday, April 18, in the chapel of Lee's undertaking establishment, 222 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Interment at Glenwood.

DORSEY-On Friday, April 16, 1909, at her residence, 1713 North street northwest, FRANCES E. DORSEY, widow of Augustus Dorsey and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William B. Gartrell. Funeral private. Interment at Rock Creek Cemetery Monday, April 19, at 3 p. m.

FFOULKE-On Wednesday, April 14, 1909, at the Hotel Le Marquis, New York, CHARLES MATHER FFOULKE. Due notice of the funeral will be given.

HARDING-Departed this life suddenly at 5 a. m. Friday, April 16, 1909, at his residence, 1318 1/2 Street, N. W. Mr. C. E. EDWARD, the beloved husband of Mary S. Harding. Funeral Sunday, April 18, at 1:30 p. m., from Mount Vernon M. E. Mission. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

HENSELEY-Suddenly, on Friday, April 16, 1909, at 10 p. m., MARY C. HENSELEY, beloved wife of Dr. J. T. Henseley. Interment at Troy, Ohio. No services at the house.

JENKINS-On Saturday, April 17, 1909, at 39 Fourth street southeast, MARY E. JENKINS, aged 72 years. Funeral Monday, April 19, interment private.

KING-On Saturday, April 17, 1909, at 12:29 p. m., at his residence, 1215 1/2 Street, N. W., ENDICOTT KING, in his eighty-fifth year. Notice of funeral hereafter. (Saco and Portland, Me., papers please copy.)

McWILL-On Friday, April 16, 1909, at 5:50 a. m., at 219 Eleventh street northwest, NANCY McWILL, beloved mother of Mrs. L. G. Harvey, William, Robert, and Hattie F. McWILL, and grandmother of Denis Harvey. Funeral from Metropolitan Baptist Church Monday, April 19, at 2 p. m.

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MASTERS-On Friday, April 16, 1909, Miss ELIZABETH MASTERS, of the Methodist Home, 601 M Street northwest, on Monday, April 13, at 9 a. m. Relatives and friends invited.

REID-On Thursday, April 15, 1909, at his residence, 47 Q Street northwest, JAMES H. REID, beloved husband of Emma Reid (nee Clokey), aged eighty-five years. Funeral Monday, April 19, at 2 p. m., from his late residence, 47 Fourth street southeast.

RUSSELL-On Friday, April 16, 1909, at 7:30 a. m., CARRIE D., widow of John Russell, in her seventy-ninth year. Funeral Monday, April 19, at 2 p. m., from her late residence, 47 Fourth street southeast.

SOLOMON-On Friday, April 16, 1909, at 3 p. m., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Sam Saks, 1120 First street northwest, TERESA SOLOMON, widow of Moses Solomon, aged seventy-nine years. Funeral Sunday, April 18, at 2:30 p. m., from above residence. Please omit flowers.

SNEE-On Saturday, April 17, 1909, at 6:45 a. m., THOMAS A., beloved son of Mrs. Snee and the late Mary Snee (nee Rader). Funeral from the residence of his aunt, Mary Naughton, 1417 S Street northwest, Monday morning at 8:30 a. m.; thence to St. Paul's Church, where requiem mass will be said for the repose of his soul at 9 a. m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

TAGGART-Departed this life on Friday, April 16, 1909, at 3 p. m., JOSEPH A. TAGGART, in his thirty-second year. Funeral (private) from St. Teresa's Church Monday, April 19, at 9 a. m. Interment at Arlington Cemetery.

WANZER-Departed this life on Thursday, April 15, 1909, at 4 p. m., at his residence, Alinger place, Garfield, D. C., ISAAC NEWTON, beloved husband of Evelyn Wanzer and father of Francis Wanzer Gillison and grandfather of Almoir Gillison, aged seventy-six years, two months and twelve days. Funeral Sunday, April 18, at 2 p. m., from the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. Friends and relatives invited.

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